

Appl. No. : 10/688,137
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REMARKS

Restriction to one of the following groups was required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-22, and 28-39, drawn to a method for determining a first physicochemical property, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.
- II. Claims 23 and 24, drawn to a kit comprising a first and a second carrier, classified in class 422, subclass 68.1.
- III. Claims 25-27 drawn to a kit comprising microspheres, classified in class 436, subclass 518.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group I, that is, Claims 1-22, and 28-39.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to issuance. If any points remain that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-given telephone number.

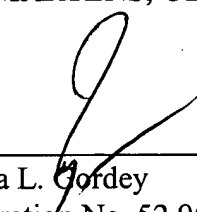
Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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